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Attorney Docket No. 15966-577A CIP3 (CURA-77A CIP3)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT(S): Shimkets et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/775,482 EXAMINER: Janet L. Andres  
FILING DATE: February 2, 2001 ART UNIT: 1646  
FOR: GROWTH FACTOR POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231



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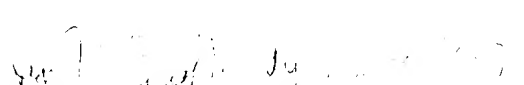
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the March 5, 2002 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 6, 2002. A check in the amount of \$110.00 (Check #12656) is enclosed to cover the fee for the extension of time.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment of the same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Reference No. 15966-577A CIP3 (CURA-77A CIP3). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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